

In the Specification:

Please amend paragraphs 28, 29 and 33 of the Specification as follows:

*B1* [0028] FIG. 8 shows a mechanism for enabling the rearward extension of the cargo bed 25 and the retraction of the cargo bed back into the truck bed 29. In the illustrated embodiment, rearward extension is accomplished using a cable ~~32~~ 60 that connects to the pins 28 on the brackets 27 and runs along the bottom surface of the cargo bed 25, over a wheel 34 that is attached near the rear end of the support member 22, and then around a spool 35 at the front end of the truck bed 29. The wheel 34 acts as a moving pulley, providing mechanical advantage that allows movement of the cargo bed 25 with reduced force.

*B2* [0029] The retraction is accomplished by a second cable 33 wound in the opposite direction around the spool 35 and that is connected to a point 36 under the bottom surface of the cargo bed 25 proximate to the rear end of the cargo bed. The second cable 33 runs over a wheel 37 attached proximate to the end of the frame 20 so that the cable 33 does not rub on the edge of the frame when the cargo bed 25 is in an inclined orientation. The spool 35 can be powered by a hand winch or an electric motor. In one embodiment, the spool 35 has one section with a diameter larger than that of a second section. The first cable ~~32~~ 60 wraps around the spool section with the larger diameter, and the second cable 33 wraps around the spool section with the smaller diameter. This enables the first cable ~~32~~ 60 to be retracted and extended from the spool at a faster rate than the second cable 33 is extended and retracted, respectively, as the cargo bed 25 is extended rearwardly and retracted, respectively.

*B3* [0033] The mechanism for extending and retracting the cargo bed 25 in one embodiment is a hand winch with a gear at the position of the spool 35 in FIG. 8. In this case, a single chain runs from a point 36 under the bottom surface of the cargo bed 25, over the gear, around a wheel 34, and connects to pins 28 on brackets 27. A spring segment is included as part of the chain to keep the chain taut over the gear and to compensate for the greater expansion of the chain length corresponding to cable ~~32~~ 60 relative to the contraction of the chain length corresponding to cable 33 as the cargo bed 25 is extended rearwardly.